

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
WEST. DIV. DAYTON

In the Matter of the Search of

(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)

Case No. 3:21-mj-428

Priority Mail Express Tracking Number EJ942518135US
postmarked November 30, 2021

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Priority Mail Express Envelope, EJ942518135US, addressed to Manuel Sanchez, 6921 Perry Rd, Bell Gardens, CA 90201, with a return address of 3951 Schnorf-Jones Rd, Arcanum, OH 45304.

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
☒ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 846	Conspiracy to distribute/possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 843(b)	Use of a communication facility to commit a felony

The application is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Brad M Dorman

Applicant's signature

Brad M. Dorman U.S. Postal Inspector

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by

Telephone _____ (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: 12/3/21

City and state: Dayton, OH

Peter B. Silvain, Jr.

Peter B. Silvain, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS TRACKING
NUMBER EJ942518135US

Case No. _____

Filed Under Seal

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, **Brad M. Dorman**, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a United States Postal Inspector and have been since August 2017. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, Pittsburgh Division, with investigative responsibility for southeast Indiana and southern Ohio. Part of my responsibility involves investigating the use of the United States Mail in the transportation of narcotics, other dangerous controlled substances, and financial proceeds from, or instrumentalities used in, the sale of such narcotics and controlled substances (hereinafter, “Drugs and/or Proceeds”).

2. Based on my training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, I have become aware that drug traffickers frequently use United States Priority Mail Express (overnight) or Priority Mail (2-3-day) to transport Drugs and/or Proceeds. Additionally, as a result of prior investigations, law enforcement training, and successful controlled-substance prosecutions involving the use of the United States Mail, I have learned of certain common characteristics and/or circumstances that indicate that a package may contain Drugs and/or Proceeds. These circumstances and/or characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the mailer uses different post offices on the same day to send packages, the return address is false or non-existent, the addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the

package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, the labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanate from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

3. On November 30, 2021, Postal Inspectors intercepted a package (hereinafter “the Package”) at the Dayton Processing and Distribution Center (PDC). The Package is a Priority Mail Express envelope, bearing tracking number EJ942518135US, postmarked November 30, 2021, with the following address information:

Sender: (No Name Listed)
3951 Schnorf-Jones Rd
Arcanum, OH 45304

Addressee: Manuel Sanchez
6921 Perry Rd
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Bell Gardens, California is located in Southern California. Through training and experience as a Postal Inspector, I know that Southern California is a known drug source location.

4. I performed a check in CLEAR database for the addressee’s information on the Package of “Manuel Sanchez, 6921 Perry Rd, Bell Gardens, California 90201.” CLEAR is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool for investigators to identify person/business and address information. According to CLEAR, there is no “Manuel Sanchez” associated with 6921 Perry Road, Bell Gardens, California 90201.

5. I was unable to search CLEAR for the sender’s information as none was listed on the Sender portion of the label.

6. On December 1, 2021, at the request of Inspector Rossiter, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Detective Anthony Hutson conducted a narcotics-detection canine “free air” check of the outside of the Package. Inspector Rossiter was present during said check. The Package was placed in a controlled area and presented to narcotics-detection canine, “Hank.” As set forth in

the attached affidavit of Detective Hutson, “Hank” alerted positively for the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance on the Package. “Hank” is a properly trained and certified narcotics-detection canine.

7. Based on my prior law enforcement training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, the Package’s address information, including (i) no listed sender name with the return address, (ii) no known association between the addressee and recipient address, and (iii) the recipient address being in a known source location, as well as the positive alert of the narcotics-detection canine are all indicative of and consistent with Drugs and/or Proceeds in the Package.

Therefore, a search warrant to open the Package is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad M Dorman

Brad M. Dorman
Postal Inspector
United States Postal Inspection Service

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this 3rd day of December, 2021.


Peter B. Silvain, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge





UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Deputy Anthony Hutson, am and have been employed by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office since 1998. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned handler of narcotics detection canine "Hank" which is trained and certified in the detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Heroin, and their derivatives

On 12/01/2021, at the request of Postal Inspector ROSSITER, I responded to the DAYTON P&DC, where "Hank" did alert to and indicate upon: [describe item]

<u>EJ 942 518 135 US</u>	<u>MANUEL SANCHEZ</u>
<u>3951 SCHNORF-JONES RD</u>	<u>6921 PERRY RD</u>
<u>ARCANUM, OH 45304</u>	<u>BELL GARDENS, CA 90261</u>

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "Hank", indicates there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

Duane 101 12-01-21
(Signature, Badge #, and Date)

M J H 12/1/21
(Witness/Date)